

SUPREME COURT

Budget Summary						FTE Position Summary				
Fund	2012-13 Adjusted Base	Request		2013-15 Change Over Base Year Doubled		2012-13	Request		2014-15 Over 2012-13	
		2013-14	2014-15	Amount	%		2013-14	2014-15	Number	%
GPR	\$15,275,300	\$14,841,100	\$14,873,800	-\$835,700	- 2.7%	114.50	114.50	114.50	0.00	0.0%
FED	914,600	894,600	894,600	- 40,000	- 2.2	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0
PR	15,040,900	14,749,400	14,765,400	- 567,000	- 1.9	95.25	95.25	95.25	0.00	0.0
SEG	766,700	713,100	713,800	- 106,500	- 6.9	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0
TOTAL	\$31,997,500	\$31,198,200	\$31,247,600	-\$1,549,200	- 2.4%	219.75	219.75	219.75	0.00	0.0%

Major Request Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Request adjustments to the base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$534,300 GPR, -\$18,900 FED, -\$318,500 PR, and -\$46,800 SEG annually); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$34,400 GPR, -\$1,100 FED, \$27,000 PR, and -\$6,800 SEG in 2013-14; and \$61,200 GPR, -\$1,100 FED, \$43,000 PR, and -\$6,100 SEG in 2014-15).

GPR	- \$973,000
FED	- 40,000
PR	- 567,000
SEG	- 106,500
Total	- \$1,686,500

2. REDUCTION OF GPR-LAPSE REQUIRED UNDER 2011 ACT 32

GPR-Lapse	- \$10,306,000
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Request that current law, nonstatutory language be modified to reduce the required GPR-lapse enacted under 2011 Act 32 by \$10,306,000 in the 2013-15 biennium. Under 2011 Act 32, the Chief Justice, acting as the administrative head of the court system, is required during the 2011-13 and 2013-15 biennia to lapse \$16,960,400 to the general fund from appropriations under the Circuit Courts, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

3. INCREASED JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

GPR	\$137,300
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Request \$65,700 in 2013-14 and \$71,600 in 2014-15 for judicial compensation. According to the Director of State Courts Office, the request would result in a 6.54% increase to set salaries "at a level comparable to the national average as of January 1, 2012, for trial court salaries." Supreme Court justices' annual salaries would increase from \$144,495 to \$153,945. [See also summary items under "Circuit Courts" and "Court of Appeals" for additional judicial compensation increase requests.]

4. STATUTORY LANGUAGE CHANGE TO ALLOW PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES OF THE COURT SYSTEM

Request a statutory language change to specify that if the Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary approves supplemental funding to any executive branch state agency for pay adjustments awarded its employees, the DOA Secretary must also approve supplemental funding to all judicial branch state agencies for pay adjustments awarded to their employees. Further request that the total amount that may be used to supplement judicial branch pay adjustments may not exceed the judicial branch state agencies' share of the total amount of supplemental funding available to all state agencies, as determined by the Secretary.

According to the Courts' request, DOA historically provided funding to the court system for general wage adjustments that were approved in the biennial compensation plan. However, general wage adjustments have not been provided since 2008, while executive branch agencies received supplemental funding in previous biennia for market adjustments that were not available to the court system.